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SUBJ: FOLKETING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON SOVIET
TRIALS

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1. FOLKETING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MET IN
EMERGENCY SESSION JULY 13 (REFTEL) WITH PRIME MINISTER
ANKER JORGENSEN AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LISE
OSTERGAARD ALSO PRESENT. PROCEEDINGS, AS CUSTOMARY,
WERE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT JORGENSEN GAVE REPORTERS LOW-
KEYED STATEMENT AFTER THE MEETING. MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENT TO EFFECT
MEETING TOOK PLACE AND HEARD JORGENSEN AND OSTERGAARD
BRIEFING CONCERNING THE TRIALS (AND POLITICAL TOPICS AT EC BREMEN
MEETING).

2. ACCORDING RITZAU NEWS SERVICE, JORGENSEN SAID
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FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD ENDORSED
GOVERNMENT'S JULY 11 "DECLARATION" CONCERNING SOVIET
TRIALS, THAT THERE HAD BEEN MANY QUESTIONS, BUT NO
DISAGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE DECLARATION
WOULD HAVE INFLUENCE ON THE MOSCOW/KALUGA PROCEEDINGS.
NOTING THAT IT IS "A SERIOUS THING" THAT DANES REACT
TO "JURIDICAL PROCEEDINGS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY," JORGENSEN

SAID "IT IS NECESSARY WHEN THERE IS TALK OF A VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS AGREED TO A HELSINKI. "ACCORDING TO ALL WE'VE BEEN INFORMED, WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SOVIET UNION IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE HELSINKI ACCORDS." JORGENSEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION WAS PREPARED AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC COUNTRIES, NORWAY AND SWEDEN, AND THAT THE POINTS OF VIEW IN THE DECLARATION ACCORD WITH VARIOUS STATEMENTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

3. FOLLOWING THE FONRELCOMTE MEETING, CENTER DEMOCRATIC (ARNE MELCHIOR) AND CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (BENT HONORE) SPOKESMEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT'S PROMPT REACTION TO THE TRIALS.

4. IN COURSE OF REPORTING ON 0 FONRELCOMTE MEETING, COPENHAGEN DAILY BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) NOTED RUMORS THAT EC GOVERNMENTS WERE CONSIDERING A JOINT APPROACH TO MOSCOW CONCERNING THE TRIALS, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE DECIDED UPON AFTER SENTENCING IF THE 0 TWO DEFENDANTS WERE GIVEN "SEVERE PUNISHMENT."
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